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Application for Funding for Direct Certification Grants

Amendment 1

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The **FY 2010 Application for Funding for Direct Certification Grants** has been amended to make the following changes:

1. **Section III. Who May Apply** (pages 5-7) is replaced with updated information on who is eligible to apply for grants going forward under the amended announcement.
2. **Section V. Critical Dates** (pages 9-10) is revised to update opportunities and deadlines to apply for Planning and Implementation grants under the amended announcement.

The full request for application announcement and amendment documents are located at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/grants.htm> under the heading “**2010-2012 Direct Certification Grants**.” The document revisions are stated below. All other information in the original announcement remains unchanged.

REVISIONS

Section III. Who May Apply

Per Section 749(h) of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-80), grants are available to State agencies that administer NSLP and have the lowest direct certification rates for children who are members of SNAP households. FNS obtains the list of States with the lowest direct certification rates for SNAP children from the annual report on direct certification that FNS submits to Congress (*Direct Certification in the National School Lunch Program: State Progress in Implementation Report to Congress*). As of the date of this amendment, lowest rates are defined as **below 80%**, as reported in the 2010 Report to Congress, covering School Year (SY) 2009-2010. The full report was released in October 2010 and may be accessed at:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/ora/menu/Published/CNP/cnp.htm>.

The 2010 Report to Congress indicated that the following States have direct certification rates below 80% for SNAP children. These States are eligible to apply for Direct Certification Planning or Implementation grants, if they have not applied previously.

States Eligible to Apply for Direct Certification Grants			
Alabama	Indiana	Nebraska	Rhode Island*
Arizona	Iowa	New Hampshire*	South Carolina
Arkansas	Kentucky	New Jersey*	South Dakota*
California	Louisiana	New Mexico*	Utah
Colorado	Maine	New York	Vermont
Connecticut*	Massachusetts	North Dakota*	Virginia
Florida	Michigan	Ohio	Washington*
Georgia	Mississippi	Oklahoma	West Virginia
Idaho*	Missouri*	Oregon*	Wisconsin*
Illinois	Montana*	Pennsylvania*	

* The asterisk indicates States that had already applied for a Planning grant or Implementation grant as of the date of this amendment. These States **are not affected** by this change and should continue with their grant projects as planned. Also note that the District of Columbia also applied for a grant under the original RFA based on their direct certification rate reported by the 2009 Report to Congress. Their 2010 rate is above 80% so they are not shown on this list and are not affected by this change.

Section V. Critical Dates

States that appear on the revised list in Section III and who have not yet applied for a direct certification grant as of the date of this amendment may apply for grants according to the application deadline schedule given below. Hard copy applications must be received by FNS no later than the deadline dates listed. Applications submitted electronically, via www.grants.gov, must be received no later than 11:59PM (Eastern Time) on the dates listed. FNS intends to award such grants approximately 90 days thereafter.

Grant Type	Deadlines for Receipt of Applications
Direct Certification Planning Grant	July 29, 2011 October 31, 2011
Direct Certification Implementation Grant	April 29, 2011 July 29, 2011 October 31, 2011 January 31, 2012
Direct Certification Implementation Grant Applications Following a Planning Grant Award	States that receive Planning grant awards must submit an application for an Implementation grant within 210 days following their Planning grant award date (unless their Planning grant activities indicate there is no need

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	<p>for an Implementation grant). The due dates for Implementation grant applications will be established with grantees following the Planning grant awards and will fall outside the dates listed above.</p> <p>The approximate dates that the follow-up Implementation grant applications will be due are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 31, 2011 for Planning grant applications received by November 1, 2010 • December 31, 2011 for Planning grant applications received by February 28, 2011 • May 31, 2012 for Planning grant applications received by July 29, 2011 • August 31, 2012 for Planning grant applications received by October 31, 2011

Important: If at any point the total applications received for funding exceed the amount of Federal funds available for this purpose, FNS reserves the right to give preference to applications from State agencies with the lowest direct certification rates, deny grant applications in excess of funds available, and cancel further opportunities to apply under this grant announcement.

Grant Documents and Resources

All grant application documents related to the Direct Certification grant announcement are located at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/grants.htm> under the heading “2010-2012 Direct Certification Grants.”